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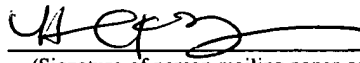
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March 10, 2004

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the ☒ Utility ☐ Design ☒ nonprovisional ☐ provisional
patent application of:

Inventor / Application Identifier: Katsuaki NAKAMURA, et al.

☒ See Inventor Information Sheet attached

For: **METHOD FOR PROCESSING METAL BODY AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING**

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METAL BODY

- ☐ This is a new patent application.
- ☒ This is the 35 U.S.C. 371 National Stage Application of the above-identified PCT Application.
- ☐ This is a provisional patent application.
- ☐ This is a: ☐ Continuation Application
☐ Divisional Application
☐ Continuation-in-Part Application
of prior Application Serial No. _.
- ☐ Cancel in this application original claims ___ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
-- This is a ☐ Continuation, ☐ Divisional, ☐ Continuation-in-part, of Application
- ☐ Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

ENCLOSED ARE THE FOLLOWING:		
X	21	Sheets of drawings ([X] formal [] informal size A4).
X	162	Pages of specification including abstract and claims.
X	183	Total pages.
Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney		
		Newly executed
		Copy from prior application
		Inventors deleted; see attached statement
Sequence Listing		
		Computer Readable Copy
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		Statement verifying identity of above copies

X	Return Receipt Postcard
X	Preliminary Amendment
	Assignment to:
	Assignment is of record in prior application Serial No. _.
	Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet.
X	Information Disclosure Statement
X	Information Disclosure Citation
	English translation
X	Application Data Sheet

PRIORITY CLAIMS	
	Applicant hereby claims the benefit of the filing date of the following provisional application(s) under the provision of 35 USC 119.
X	Applicant hereby claims the benefit under the provisions of 35 USC 119 of the filing dates of the following applications as indicated below: Japan Patent Appln. No. 2003-64160, filed March 10, 2003, Priority Claimed of which certified copies thereof
	will follow
	are enclosed
X	have been filed in the International Bureau
	were filed in prior application:

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CLAIMS FILED AND FILING FEE CALCULATION					
ITEM	—			Rate	Applied Fee
[] Basic Fee Utility	—			\$300	
[] Search Fee Utility				\$500	
[] Exam. Fee Utility				\$200	
[] Sheet Fee Utility	Ea. Add'l 50 pgs. over 100 pgs.			\$250	
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[X] Basic Fee - PCT Nat'l Stage	—			\$300	\$300
[X] Search Fee - PCT Nat'l Stage	37 CFR: 1.492(b)(3)			\$400	\$400
[X] Exam. Fee - PCT Nat'l Stage	37 CFR: 1.492(c)(2)			\$200	\$200
[X] Sheet Fee - PCT Nat'l Stage - 183 pages	Ea. Add'l 50 pgs. over 100 pgs.			\$250	\$500
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Claim Fees	Number Filed	Base Number	Number Extra over Base	—	
Total Claims	85	20	65	\$50	\$3,250
Independent Claims	21	3	18	\$200	\$3,600
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee	—			\$360	\$0
[] Small Entity Status is Asserted	Deduct 50% of above fees				(\$0)
[] Basic Fee Utility - e-filed and Small Entity				\$75	
[] Non-English Specification	—			\$130	\$0
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- [X] Payment of all fees, including the total filing fee in the amount of \$ 8,250 is by credit card. A form PTO-2038 is attached.
- [X] Please charge to Deposit Account No. 10-1250 any further fees due for filing or during prosecution of this application under: 37 CFR 1.16; 37 CFR 1.17; and 37 CFR 1.492.

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